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1. A Border Police school was activated in October 1948 in the army barracks located between Eiche and Golm near Potsdam.
2. Personnel strength is 420 trainees and 50 men on the training staff. The personnel is broken down into five platoons, commanded by Polizeikommissare. The trainees are called Polizeiwachtmeister.
3. The heavy machine gun platoon is equipped with seven German-type heavy machine guns, water-cooled, the machinepistol platoon with approximately sixty machinepistols. The other platoons are armed with the carbine. The school has no heavy weapons. Personnel has not been trained in the use of artillery or armored equipment.
4. Theoretical police training terminated on [REDACTED] Since 25X1A that date the training has been exclusively along military lines. The daily training schedule starts at 8 AM with two hours political indoctrination. The hours between 10 AM and 12:20 PM are occupied with close order drill, field training, marches and rifle drill. After a noontime break lasting until 2 PM, the same type of training is resumed until 4:20 PM.
5. Special emphasis is placed on military courtesy. Superiors, including squad leaders (Gruppenführer), have to be saluted.
6. Every ten days, trainees are permitted to go out on pass from 7 until 12 PM. Absence without leave is punished with arrest from 3 to 5 days.
7. Among the trainees are approximately 70 who were sent directly to the school from a Russian POW camp. The squad leaders are partly former army noncommissioned officers. Among the officers are several who served as officers in the German army.
8. The Border Police Bereitschaften of Land Brandenburg are under the command of Inspekteur Böhmke, who has his offices in the [REDACTED] 25X1A

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the school barracks. School commander is Oberpolizeirat Rudolph. Polizeirat Bläsing is the ranking Polit/Kultur official. (Platoon

9. Platoon commanders are Polizeikommissare Albert Schulz, (fnu) Neumann, (fnu) Lehmann, Karl Schmidt, and Polizeimeister (fnu) Marotz. They live in barracks quarters. Political training is handled by two former Freie Deutsche Jugend (FDJ) functionaries, Günter Schmidt and (fnu) Neumann, both approximately 19 years of age.

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10. [REDACTED] claims that, like all other trainees, upon entering the school he had to sign a statement to the effect that in case of war he will fight side by side with the Soviet army against capitalists. This point is also stressed in the political indoctrination course.

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